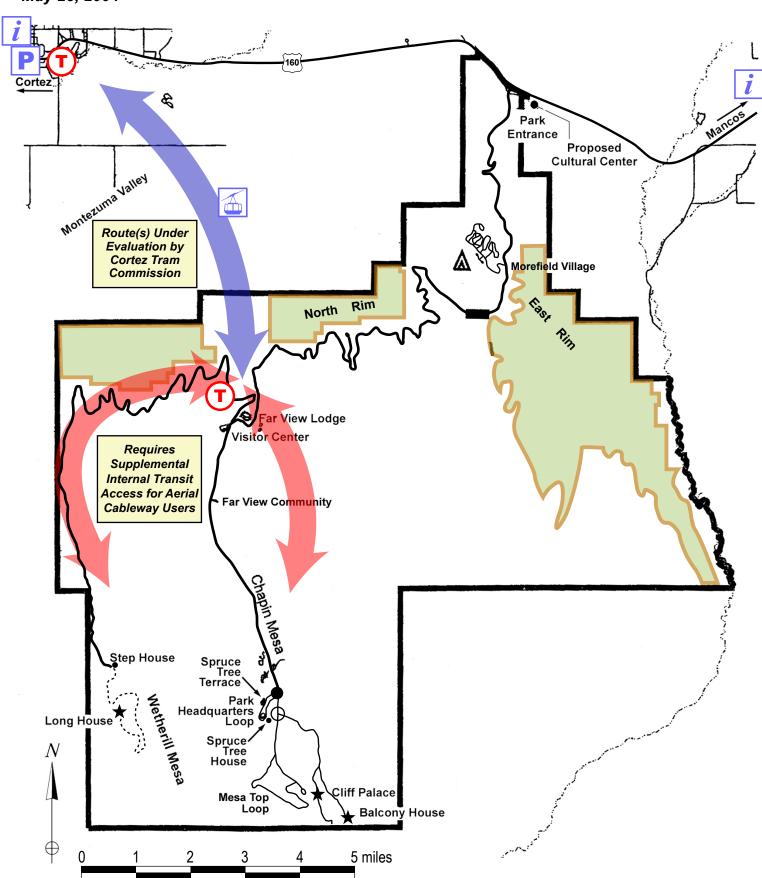


Preliminary Cortez Tram Commission Alternative

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(This alternative is being advanced by an independent study process)

Develop an aerial tramway system providing access between the city limits of Cortez and a terminus located within Mesa Verde National Park.

Supplemental transit elements and visitor management strategies associated with this alternative would require further consideration based on the findings of the independent feasibility study process being conducted by the Commission. If the alternative is considered feasible by Mesa Verde National Park, the internal Park transit system and visitor facilities would need to be developed to support the operational characteristics suggested by the aerial tram connection in this alternative.

The Cortez Tram Commission was created in the Fall of 2003 to explore the feasibility of an aerial tramway between Cortez and Mesa Verde National Park. The following representatives were appointed to serve on the committee:

Gary Shaw Southwest Business Associates Scott Tipton Mesa Verde Indian Trading Co. Rudy Baeumel Main Street Brewery Dotty Wayt H & W Investments Slim McWilliams Citizens State Bank El Grande Cafe/ Kent Lindsay Montezuma County Commissioner Troy Ralstin Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Val Truelson Ponderosa Restaurant/ **Dolores Town Board** Victoria Petersen Joy's Inc./Mancos Valley Chamber of Commerce Pete Montano Franciscas City of Cortez Hal Shepard City of Cortez Rick Smith Region 9 Planning Ed Morlan

